



Integrating the Indiana Workforce into the Wind Industry

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Amatrol Background.....

- Based in Jeffersonville, Indiana
- 1965 - Original mission design and manufacture industrial automation systems
- 1981 - Educational Division founded to develop quality teaching systems for automation and engineering



AMATROL'S PRIMARY MISSION - A SKILLS BASED CURRICULUM

- Design and manufacture Training Systems for industrial skills
- Provide turnkey training/teaching solutions with curriculum and hardware
- Replicate truly industrial application functions using industry standard components

AMATROL'S PRIMARY MISSION - A SKILLS BASED CURRICULUM - THE PROCESS

- Identify industrial skills
- Implement a successful skills development teaching strategy
- Include content (knowledge)
- Practice needed skills



AUTOMATED MANUFACTURING TECHNOLOGY

DESIGN PROCESSES 1

- Blueprint Reading
- Technical Drafting
- Basic CAD Software

MANUFACTURING PROCESSES 1

- CNC Mill Programming
- Tool Setup
- CNC Mill Operation
- Manual Machining

MATERIALS TECHNOLOGY

- Material Properties
- Material Testing
- Strength of Materials
- Product Design Analysis

MEASUREMENT SYSTEMS 1

- Geometric Dimensioning and Tolerancing
- Precision Measurement
- Dimensional Gaging

MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS 1

- Process Planning
- Job Costing / Estimating
- Scheduling
- Total Quality Management
- MRP II

CONTROLS AND POWER DRIVES

(see
Industrial
Maintenance
Flow Chart)

DESIGN PROCESSES 2

- CAD/CAM Software
- Design for Manufacturing
- Product Design

MANUFACTURING PROCESSES 2

- Tooling Selection
- Fixturing
- CNC Lathe/Mill Programming
- Canned Cycle Programming

MANUFACTURING PROCESSES 4

- Welding
- Finishing/Conditioning

MEASUREMENT SYSTEMS 2

- Statistical Quality Control (\bar{X} and R)
- Quality Concepts
- Advanced Statistical Process Control
 - Capability Studies
 - Short Run SPC
 - P Charts

MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS 2

- Project Management
- Advanced Scheduling
- Databases
- Inventory Control
- MRP II

DESIGN PROCESSES 3

- CAD/CAM Software
- Mold Design

MANUFACTURING PROCESSES 3

- Plastics Operation/Setup
 - Injection Molding
 - Blow Molding
 - Extrusion Molding

MANUFACTURING PROCESSES 5

- Casting
- Forming Processes
- Forging/Sintering
- Rolling/Extrusion

MEASUREMENT SYSTEMS 3

- Vision Inspection Techniques
- Vision Applications
- System Interfacing
- Programming and Operation

FLEXIBLE MANUFACTURING SYSTEMS 1

- Advanced Servo Robot Programming
- Control Interfacing
- FMS Cell Development
- Network Communications
- Multitasking

FLEXIBLE MANUFACTURING SYSTEMS 2

- Non-Servo Robot Operation
- PLC-Robot Programming
- CNC-PLC Interfacing

DESIGN PROCESSES 4

- Facilities Design
- 3D CAD
- Solids Modeling

MANUFACTURING PROCESSES 6

- Composite Materials
- Advanced Plastics

AUTOMATIC IDENTIFICATION SYSTEMS

- Barcode Systems
- RF ID Systems
- Operations, Setup
- Interfacing

COMPUTER INTEGRATED MANUFACTURING SYSTEMS

- Systems Integration
- Inventory Systems
- MRP II to CIM System Link
- Pallet Transfer Lines

* = Curriculum in LAP format and Equipment complete.

** = Equipment is available but LAP format is not complete.

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ELECTRICAL MAINTENANCE TECHNOLOGY

ELECTRICAL FABRICATION 1 *

- Electrical Wiring Installation
- Sizing
- Component Installation

ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS 1 *

- AC Electricity
- DC Electricity

SERVO ROBOTICS *

- Servo Robot Operation
- Programming
- Discrete I/O Interfacing
- Applications

MECHANICAL TOOLS *

- Hand Tools Assembly
 - Wrenches, Screwdrivers
- Fasteners
- Files
- Precision Measurement
- Hand Power Tools

CONCEPTS OF MECHANICS *

- Force/Mass
- Friction
- Energy
- (6) Simple Machines

FLUIDPOWER SYSTEMS 1 *

- Basic Hydraulics
- Basic Pneumatics

PROCESS CONTROL 1 *

- Liquid Level Control
- Flow Control
- Valves, Sensors
- Process Quality Measurement
- PID Control

ELECTRICAL MACHINES 1 *

- DC Motors
- AC 1 ph Motors
- AC 3 ph Motors

MOTOR CONTROL SYSTEMS 1 **

- Relay Control Operation
- Start/Stop Control
- Troubleshooting
- Transformers
- Limit Switches, Pressure Switches, Liquid Level Switches

NON-SERVO ROBOTICS *

- Non-Servo Robot Programming
- Interfacing
- Applications

PROGRAMMABLE CONTROLLERS 1 *

- Programming
- Operation
- Discrete I/O Interfacing
- Discrete I/O Applications

MECHANICAL DRIVE SYSTEMS 1 *

- Motor Mounting/Alignment
- Key Fasteners
- Operation/Installation of
 - Chain Drives
 - V-Belt Drives
 - Spur Gear Drives
 - Couplings

FLUIDPOWER SYSTEMS 2 *

- Intermediate Hydraulics
- Intermediate Pneumatics
- Electro-Fluidpower
- Electronic Sensors

PROCESS CONTROL 2 *

- PH Control
- Material Safety Procedures
- Process Adjustments
- Analyze Material Quality

ELECTRICAL MACHINES 2 *

- Generators
- Alternators
- Wound Rotor Motors
- Synchronous Motors

MOTOR CONTROL SYSTEMS 2 *

- Timers/Counters
- Electronic Sensors
- Reduced Voltage Starting
- Motor Braking
- 3-Phase Transformers

SERVO DRIVES **

- Vector Drives
- DC Servo Drives
- AC Servo Drives
- Operation/Troubleshooting
- Setup

PROGRAMMABLE CONTROLLERS 2 *

- Analog I/O
- Troubleshooting
- Data/Math Operations
- Subroutines
- Message Displays

TRANSFER PUMP SYSTEMS 1 **

- Centrifugal Pumps
- Positive Displacement Pumps
- Metering Pumps
- Piping Networks

FLUIDPOWER SYSTEMS 5 **

- Proportional Valves
- Feedback Devices
- Speed/Position Control
- Maintenance/Troubleshooting

ELECTRICAL FABRICATION 2 *

- Conduit Bending
- Power Distribution
 - Bus Bars/Bus Plugs
- Circuit Protection
- NEC

MOTOR CONTROL SYSTEMS 3 *

- Variable Speed AC Drives
- SCR/TRIAC Drives
- Operation/Troubleshooting
- Interfacing

PROGRAMMABLE CONTROLLERS 3 *

- Process Control
- Networking, Fieldbus, Ethernet, Data Highway
- Remote I/O
- PID Control
- PLC Maintenance

TOTAL PRODUCTIVE MAINTENANCE

- Vibration Analysis
- Predictive Maintenance
- Preventive Maintenance
- Maintenance Management

* = Product Available ** = Product in Development

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- Fasteners
- Files
- Precision Measurement
- Hand Power Tools

READING TECHNICAL DRAWINGS *

- Multiview Drawings
- Isometric Drawings
- Sections, Assemblies
- Documentation
- Geometric Dimensioning and Tolerancing

TRANSFER SYSTEMS 1 **

- Centrifugal Pumps
- Turbine Pumps
- Pump Performance
- Pump Selection/Maintenance
- Pump Troubleshooting

FLUIDPOWER SYSTEMS 1 *

- Basic Hydraulics
- Basic Pneumatics
- Simulation Software

MECHANICAL DRIVE SYSTEMS 1 *

- Motor Mounting/Alignment
- Key Fasteners
- Operation/Installation of
 - Chain Drives
 - V-Belt Drives
 - Spur Gear Drives
 - Couplings

MECHANICAL DRIVE SYSTEMS 2 *

- Lubrication
- Maintenance/Selection
 - Couplings
 - Chain Drives
 - V-Belt Drives
 - Gear Drives
- Advanced Drive Types

MATERIALS AND PROCESSES 1 *

- Basic Fabrication
- Drill Press
- Lathe
- Mill
- Grinder
- Material Identification
- Strength of Materials

TRANSFER SYSTEMS 2 **

- Plunger-Type Pumps
- Diaphragm Pumps
- Magnetic Pumps
- Peristaltic Pumps

FLUIDPOWER SYSTEMS 2 *

- Intermediate Hydraulics
- Intermediate Pneumatics
- Electro-Fluidpower
- Electronic Sensors

MECHANICAL DRIVE SYSTEMS 3

- Operation/Installation/Maintenance
 - Bearings, Roller, Ball, Plain
- Seals/Gaskets
- Gearboxes
- Right Angle Gears

MECHANICAL DRIVE SYSTEMS 4 **

- Conveyors
- Linear Drives
- Clutches/Brakes
- Ball Screws

PIPING SYSTEMS **

- Installation/Maintenance
- Metal Piping, Plastic Piping
- Metal Tubing Hose
- Valves, Filters

TRANSFER SYSTEMS 3 **

- Multistage Pump Systems
- Parallel Pump Systems

FLUIDPOWER SYSTEMS 3 *

- Advanced Hydraulics
- Advanced Pneumatics

TOTAL PRODUCTIVE MAINTENANCE **

- Vibration Analysis
- Predictive Maintenance
- Preventive Maintenance
- Maintenance Management

RIGGING SYSTEMS **

- Safety
- Hand Signals
- Worm Hoists
- Textile/Metal Rope
- Chain
- Load Calculation

CENTRAL LUBRICATION SYSTEMS **

- Gear Pump Systems
- Single Line Systems
- Progressive Systems
- Maintenance/Troubleshooting
- Installation/Selection

STEAM SYSTEMS **

- Traps
- Generation
- Safety
- Valves
- Maintenance/Troubleshooting
- Insulation

FLUIDPOWER SYSTEMS 4 **

- Hydraulic Maintenance/Troubleshooting
- Pneumatic Maintenance/Troubleshooting
- Hydraulic System Construction
- Pneumatic System Construction

FLUIDPOWER SYSTEMS 5 **

- Proportional Valves
- Feedback Devices
- Speed/Position Control
- Maintenance/Troubleshooting

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“Core” Technology Skills For “Wind”

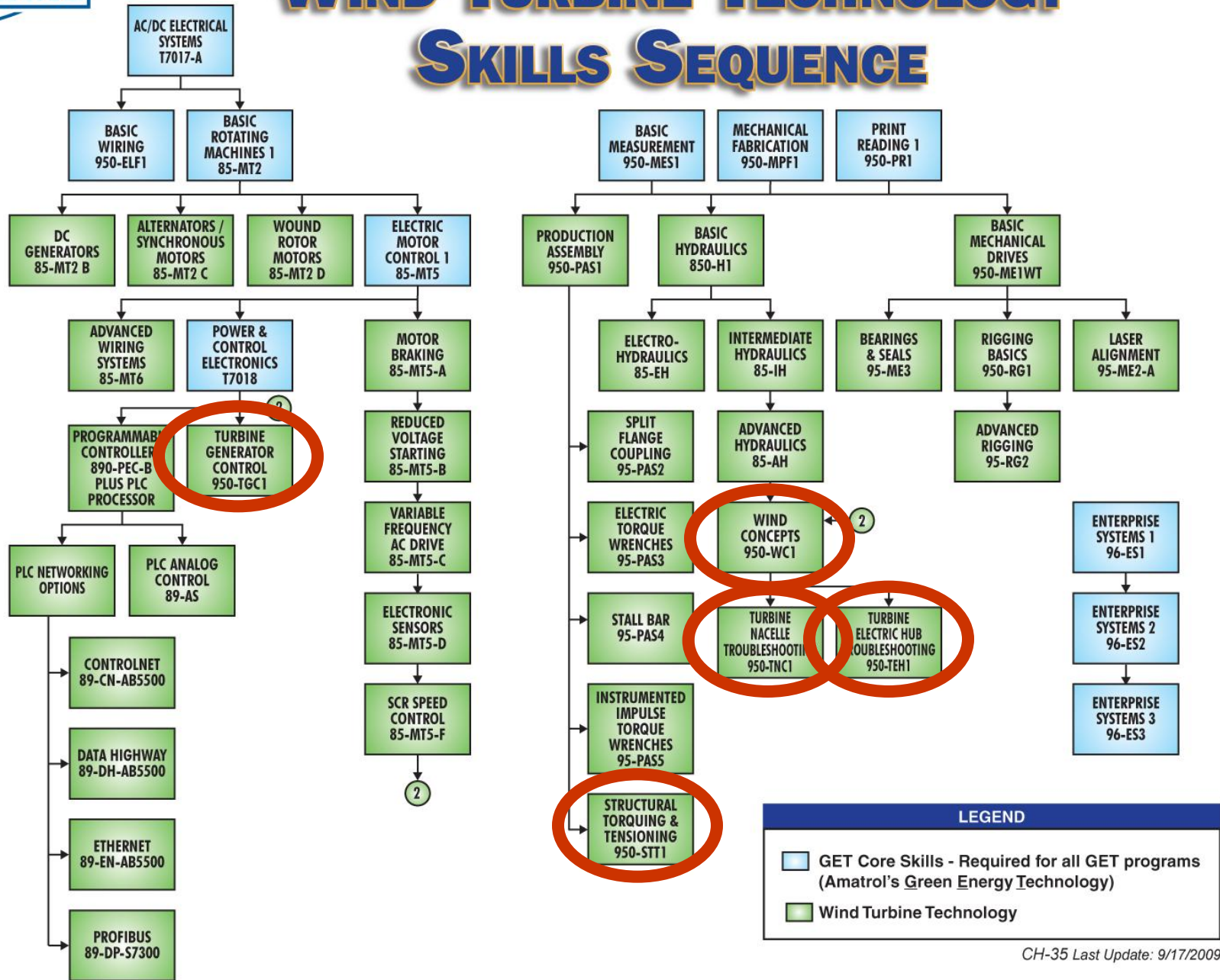
- Many similar skills as taught in Industrial Maintenance
- Electrical
- Mechanical
- Fluid Power
- Electrical Fabrication (wiring, etc.)
- Mechanical/Hydraulic Fabrication
- Structural torquing & tensioning

AMATROL'S "GREEN" DEVELOPMENT

- Utility Level Wind Technicians
- Commercial/Residential Solar Technicians
 - Solar Photovoltaic Installation/Maintenance
 - Solar Thermal/Installation/Maintenance

WIND TURBINE TECHNOLOGY

SKILLS SEQUENCE

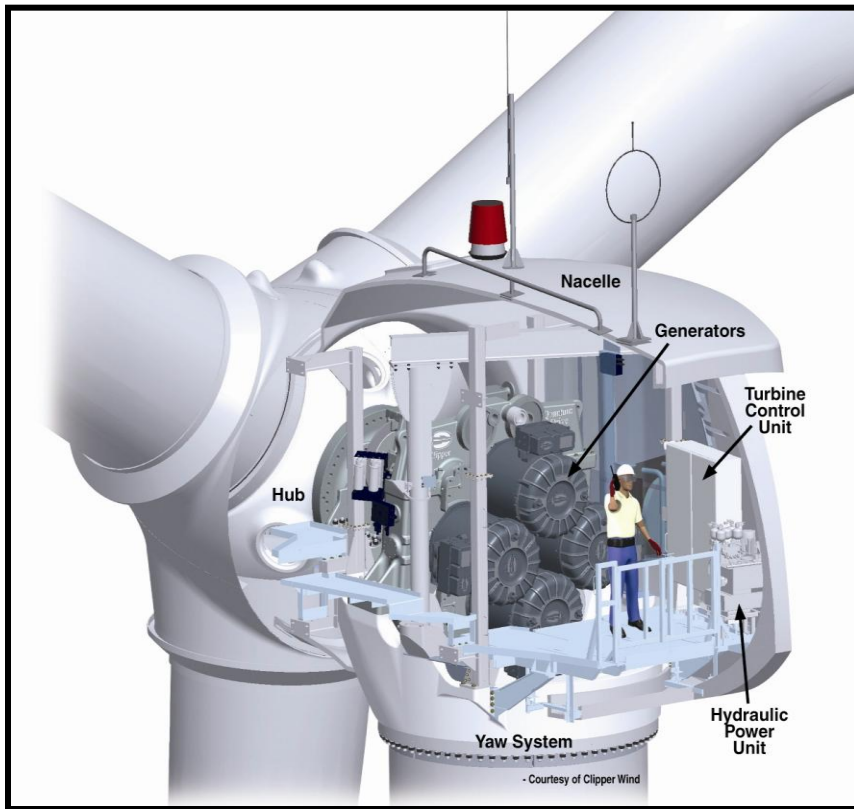


Amatrol's New Line of Wind Turbine Learning Systems



Turbine Nacelle Troubleshooting Learning System

The Nacelle Troubleshooting Learning System replicates a full size, utility-scale wind turbine.



Nacelle Curriculum

- **Multimedia Format with Instructor Guide**
 - 6 Modules
- **Skills Learned**
 - Functions and operations of the TCU
 - Functions of the Hydraulic Power System
 - Yaw Brake, Parking Brakes, Rotor Lock and lubrication
 - Addresses the Yaw Drive and its functions (i.e., Cable Twist Box)
 - Addresses Safety Protection, Speed Measurements and Communications
 - Addresses fault messages, hydraulic, yaw, and turbine control troubleshooting

950-TEH1 Turbine Electric Hub Troubleshooting Learning System



Hub Curriculum Features

- Multimedia Format with Instructor Guide
- 4 Modules
- Skills Learned
 - Pitch Control System Operation
 - Commissioning/ Operational Tests
 - Setup and Adjustment of System
 - Use HMI software Operation
 - Manual Operation
 - Safety
 - Troubleshooting

Turbine Generator Control Learning System

- Includes:
 - Mobile Workstation
 - Computer-based Fault Insertion
 - Inverter Unit w/Contactors
 - Controller w/Discrete and Analog I/O
 - Network Communications Interface
 - Signal Conditioners
 - Circuit Disconnects
- Operates separately or can tie into hub and turbine trainers through fiber optics



950-STOL1/950-STCL1/950-STF1 SOLAR THERMAL SYSTEMS

950-STCL1



950-STOL1



950-STF1



Solar PV Systems

950-SPT1 Solar PV Troubleshooting Learning System



“Core” Skills for Solar Thermal and PV Technicians

- Basic Thermal Systems
- Basic Electricity
- Electrical Wiring
- Basic Plumbing (fabrication)
- Measurement
- Pumps



CERTIFICATION - AMATROL PARTNERS WITH

- NIMS
- MSSC
- AWEA
- ETA
- NABCEP

American Wind Energy Association

- Skill Sets for Utility Scale Wind Turbine Technicians — entry level
- Approval of Wind Technician Programs

Wednesday, September 23, 2009

U.S. Wind Energy Industry Welcomes Second Round of Grants

U.S. Wind Energy Industry Welcomes Second Round of Renewable Energy Grants from Departments of Treasury, Energy

The American Wind Energy Association (AWEA) welcomed today's announcement from the U.S. Departments of the Treasury and Energy of the second round of renewable energy grants (in lieu of tax credits) from the Obama Administration under a program enacted by Congress in the economic recovery package earlier this year. The announcement included grants of \$550 million total, with \$464 million going to five wind projects. [More...](#)

AWEA Announces Legislative Affairs Team

upcoming events

Wind Resource & Project Energy Assessment Workshop
Minneapolis, MN
September 30 - October 1, 2009

Wind Power Finance & Investment Workshop
New York, NY
October 13 - 14, 2009

AWEA Wind Power Supply Chain Workshop
Detroit, MI
November 3 - 5, 2009

Small and Community Wind Conference & Exhibition
Detroit, MI
November 3 - 5, 2009

AWEA Wind Energy Fall Symposium
Orlando, FL
November 18 - 20, 2009

AWEA Offshore Wind Project Workshop
Boston, MA

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WIND ENERGY JOBS
SEARCHABLE RESUMES

ETA International

- Alternative Energy Installer
- Alternative Energy Integrator
 - Entry level
 - Mid level
 - Advanced level

WORKFORCE PRESSURES FOR WIND INDUSTRIES

- 50% + Wind related manufacturing – high level skills
- Wind Turbine Installation/Maintenance – high level skills
- Wind industry growth in Indiana – high numbers
- The career “Lifetime” of Turbine Technicians is limited – high numbers
- Current workforce needs for manufacturing – high level skills

STRATEGIES FOR WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

- Emphasize the need for technical training at all levels of education
- Promote the development of “core” skill sets for career longevity/flexibility
- Promote articulation/dual credit tracks for secondary to post-secondary
- Re-tool un and underemployed workers for renewable careers
- Emphasize the need for transportable certifications for all workers

BARRIERS TO CLEAN ENERGY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

- Public perception of manufacturing
- Investment of resources – clean generally costs more at the outset
- Encourage the public to “sacrifice” – make lifestyle changes.
- Conservation has to be a part of the solution, not just more energy production



QUESTIONS ???